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SUBJECT: EXCESS MAP WEAPONS TO ETHIOPIA

RE : A) MALIN/BARRETT LETTER OF 9/3/76; B) 75 ADDIS 230

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCES A AND B AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT TEXT OF NOTE CONTAINED FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH WITH REGARD TO TRANSFER OF MAP ORIGIN SMALL ARMS WHICH GOE WISHES TO TRANSFER FROM ITS GROUND FORCES TO ITS TERRITORIAL ARMY.

2. BEGIN VERBATIM TEXT: QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE OF JANUARY 1, 197 , WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

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"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PROVISIONAL MILI-

TARY GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA PRESENT THEIR COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAVE THE HONOR TO STATE THE FOLLOWING REGARDING MAP WEAPONS BEING

MADE EXCESS TO THE ETHIOPIAN GROUND FORCES BY THE SMALL ARMS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

"THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY US MAAG THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAVE CONSENTED TO THE TRANSFER OF EXCESS MAP WEAPONS TO THE TERRITORIAL ARMY, CONTINGENT UPON THE FOLLOWING CONDITION TO WHICH THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HEREBY AGREE.

A) THE EXCESS MAP WEAPONS TRANSFERRED TO THE TERRITORIAL ARMY WILL CONTINUE TO BE GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT OF 1953.

B) WEAPONS TRANSFERRED AND NO LONGER REQUIRED BY THE TERRITORIAL ARMY OR WEAPONS THAT BECOME NON-REPAIRABLE WILL BE REPORTED TO THE US MAAG AND THEIR FINAL DISPOSITION WILL BE DECIDED BY SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1958 AGREEMENT ON "MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE: DISPOSITION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS."

C) A PERIODIC REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO US MAAG AS TO THE USE, LOCATION, CONDITION, AND QUANTITY OF WEAPONS ON HAND. THE REQUIRED REPORT WILL BE IN THE FORMAT PROVIDED BY CMAAG AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO HEADQUARTERS, US MAAG ETHIOPIA EACH YEAR BEFORE 31ST DECEMBER, AND AT ANY RATE NOT LATER THAN 15TH JANUARY.

D) THE EXCESS MAP WEAPONS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED TO VILLAGE MILITIA OR TO NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS OR PERSONNEL.

"SHOULD THE ABOVE MEET WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROPOSE THAT THIS PRESENT NOTE AND AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY THERETO CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
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THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EFFECTIVE FROM THE DATE OF REPLY.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF THEIR HIGHEST CONSIDERA-

TION."

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE

HONOR TO CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THAT,
ACCORDINGLY, THE MINISTRY'S NOTE, TOGETHER WITH THIS
REPLY, FORM AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENT ON
THIS MATTER, EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THIS NOTE.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA THE
ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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